

The history

What with our helpe, what with the absent king,
What with the iniuries of a wanton time,
The seeming sufferances that you had borne,
And the contrarious winds that held the king
So long in his vn lucky Irish wars,
That all in England did repute him dead:
And from this swarme of faire aduantages,
You tooke occasion to be quickly wooed
To gripe the general sway into your hand,
Forgot your oath to vs at Dancaster,
And being fed by vs, you vsd vs so
As that vngentle gull the Cuckoes bird
Vseth the sparrow, did oppresse our neast,
Grew by our feeding to so great a bulke,
That euen our loue durst not come neare your fight,
For feare of swallowing: but with nimble wing
We were inforst for safety sake to flie
Out of your sight, and raise this present head,
Whereby we stand opposed by such meanes,
As you your selfe haue forge against your selfe
By vnkind vsage, daungerous countenance,
And violation of all faith and troth,
Sworne to vs in your yonger enterprize.

King. These things indeed you haue articulate,
Proclaime at market Crosse, read in Churches,
To face the garment of rebellion
With some fine colour that may please the eye
Of fickle changlings and poore discontented,
Which gape and rub the elbow at the newes
Of hurly burly innouation,
And neuer yet did insurrection want
Such water colors to impaint his cause
Nor moody beggars staruing for a time,
Of pell mell hauocke and confusion.

Prin. In both your armies there is many a soule,
Shall pay full dearly for this incounter
If once they ioine in trial, tell your nephew
The prince of Wales doth ioine with all the world

In

of Henrie the

In praise of Henrie Percy, by my hope
This present enterprise set of his head
I do not thinke a prouer Gentleman,
More active, valiant, or more valiant yet
More daring, or more bold is now alive
To grace this latter age with noble deed
For my part I may speake it to my shame
I haue a truant beene to Chiuallrie,
And so I heare he doth account me to
yet this before my fathers maiestie,
I am content that he shall take the odds
Of his great name and estimation,
And will to saue the blood on either side
Trie fortune with him in a single fight
King. And prince of Wales, so dare you
Albeit, considerations infinite
Do make against it: no good Worcester
We loue our people well, euen those who
That are misled vpon your coosens part
And will they take the offer of our grace
Both he, and they, and you, yea euery man
Shall be my friend againe, and ile be his
So tell your coosen, and bring me word
What he will do: But if he will not yet
Rebuke and dread correction waite
And they shall do their office. So be good
We will not now be troubled with reply
We offer faire, take it aduisedly.

Prin. It will not be accepted on my part
The Dowglas and the Hotspur both to
Are confident against the world in arms

King. Hence therefore, euery leader
For on their answer will we set on the
And God befriend vs as our cause is iust

Falst. Hal, if thou see me downe in the field
And bestride me so, tis a poynt of friendship

Prin. Nothing but a Colossus can do this
Say thy prayers, and farewell.

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